



THE

# Caledonian Mercury,

BEING

A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday August 20, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 15.

Since our last arrived one Mail from Holland, one from France, and Two from Flan-

ders. Vienna, August 7.

**T**HE Hereditary Prince of Lorrain will come and reside here, when the Imperial Court returns from Prague, the Palace of Lichtenstein being already hired for his Use. 'Tis talk'd that the Emperor designs to procure that young Prince very great Advantages.

**Hamburg, August 13.** Here is Advice from Petersburg, That the Russian Ministers have declared to those of foreign Princes, That the Emperor their Master, will shortly return to Cronstot with his Fleet, on Board which no Troops have been embarked, all Accounts to the Contrary being entirely Groundless.

**Amsterdam, August 19.** Letters from Constantinople say, that a great Conspiracy was discovered there; which had been carried on by the Janizaries and several of their chief Commanders, who intended to depose the Sultan, put out his Eyes, kill the Grand Vizier, carry off his immense Treasure, and degrade the Musti; but, as other Letters from thence of the same Date mention nothing of it, that Account seems to want Confirmation.

**Leghorn, July 31.** Some Knights of Malta, who lately went over to that Island, being now certainly assured, that the Turks will undertake nothing against it this Summer are come back. They relate, a Treaty for a Truce between the Porte and the great Master of the Order, is upon the Point of being concluded, nothing more being required, than the Approbation of his Imperial Majesty, to whom it has been imparted by the Nuncio of the Pope, at the Desire of the great Master: Some of the Articles of the same are, That the Slaves shall be set at Liberty on both Sides, That it shall be free for the Knights of Malta to cruise against the Corsairs of Barbary; and also, to assist any of the Christian Potentates who shall be attack'd by the Porte.

From

*From the London Gazette.*

*London, August 5.* An English Vessel is arrived here in 2 Days and a Half from Barcelona; which is reckoned to be as swift a Passage as has been known. We have an Account, That the Marquis Mari is arrived at Porto Longone with 4 Spanish Men of War, and 16 Transports in order to relieve the Garrison of that Place.

*Port-mahon, July 15.* Spain and Genoa having again opened Commerce with Marfeilles, Colonel Kane our Lieutenant Governour, has done the same for this Island.

*Whitehall, August 12.* 'Tis hereupon thought proper to give Notice, That all Letters for Port-Mahon are to be for the Future all directed by the Way of Marfeilles.

*Stochholm, July 24.* O. S. On Thursday the 18th of this Month, the Nobles met and came to a Resolution, that the Diet should not be prorogued, but continue sitting till the most necessary Affairs were dispatched, and that then it should be dissolved, and not be summoned again, untill the usual Time, except the King's or the Nation's Affairs required a speedier Meeting. The other Bodies of the States have consented to this Resolution. The Clergy indeed, at first, made some Difficulty, and were for the Diets being prorogued till January: They thought by that Means to prevent a Committee's being appointed to examine into Ecclesiastical Affairs. Yesterday Sentence was pronounced against M. Daleen and Captain Prang, who were accused of having tampered with the Peasants, and of having put them upon Measures tending to introduce an Arbitrary Government here: M. Daleen is condemned to have his Head cut off, and his Body buried under the Gallows. The Captain to live upon Bread and Water for a Month, to be banished the Country, and to have his Name stuck upon the Gallows. The Diet has this Day confirmed the Sentence.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Prague, August 7.* The Lord Carnarven, Son of the Duke of Chandois arrived here lately.

*Hague, August 18.* The Duke of Mecklenburgh is so far from submitting to the last Imperial Maudate, That he is drawing up a *Fatum* or Memorial to confute it.

Some Advices from Italy say, That the Great Duke of Tuscany has so thoroughly convinced the Duke of Parma, of the fatal Consequences which may attend the calling of the Infante of Spain, Don Carlos, to Italy, That he refuses to hear any thing more said about it; but Time must discover the Truth of this, as well as of another Report, viz. That a certain Potentate offers the Family of Abo an Equivalent for the Dutchy of Massalarrara (which is so famous for fine white Marble) in order to make an Appanage of it for the Pretender's Son.

All the Reports about the Czar's Fleet are come to nothing, for instead of its having been seen on the Coast of Sweden, there are no certain Advices of its being sailed from Riga, and as to the Imbarcation of the Forces; it is flatly contradicted.

*London, August 123.* The Bishop of Winchester, who has been dangerously ill at his Seat at Farnham, is in a fair way of Recovery.

The Duke of Douglass is said to be very much indisposed.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 13.*

*Petersburg, July 24.* 'Tis now generally said, That our Monarch is gone on board his Fleet only to observe the Discipline thereof, and designs to return hither in a Fortnight or three Weeks. On the 20th Instant, a Courier arrived here by Way of Moscow from Astracan, with several Letters which were immediately put on board a Frigate and sent to the Czar. 'Tis reported, the Rebel Meriweys continues his Dispositions to regain the Places which the Muscovites conquered last Year; and in the Manifestoes he has caused to be dispersed, he styles himself Regent of Persia, and Protector of the publick Liberty.

*From*



*From the Evening Post, August 13.*

*Madrid, August 3.* On the 15th of last Month Jaurette Beauforois, a Moor by Birth, of 22 Years of Age, who left the Camp of the Infidels and got into Ceuta, with an Intent to turn Christian, was baptized in the Parochial Church of St. Martin, by the Curate of that Parish: Don John Charles Merrail stood Godfather, and gave him the Name of Francis Xavier. The same Day one of the Assassines of Mr. Ham the Dutch Secretary, was hang'd, one of his Hands having first been cut off and nail'd to the Door of that Minister, to deter others from committing such barbarous Actions.

*Paris, August 14.* The Assembly of the Clergy will attend the Funeral of the Cardinal Dubois. Besides five hundred thousand Livres Mr. Bretueil is to pay to the Heirs of the Cardinal, for the Place of Secretary of State, the Duke of Orleans has promised to give them one hundred thousand Crowns, for that of Superintendant of the Posts and Stages of this Kingdom, which his Royal Highness takes for himself: Besides, the Cardinal has left them between 25 or 30000 Livres per Annum of Annuities on the Town-house, also a Place of Secretary to the Cabinet, and to the Value of 7 or 8000 Livres of Household Goods, without including Plate.

'Tis talk'd that the Abbot Dubois, the Cardinal's Nephew, and Canon of Cambray, will lay down the Habit of his Order and marry.

On the 13th Instant the King, having dined sooner than ordinary, set out for Meudon after Dinner, and hunted the Stag in the Forest of Marli: His Majesty went that Evening to Versailles.

'Tis said the Duke of Orleans will go next Week to the Parliament, to be acknowledged Prime Minister.

*Vienna, August 4.* The States of Austria have petitioned the Emperor, That he would be pleas'd to return next Winter to this City, which suffers much by the Court's Absence.

Yesterday 3 stately Coaches were sent hence for Prague, for the Hereditary Prince of Lorain.

*Malta, July 14.* All Apprehensions being over here with respect to the Turks, the Militia Troops are dismissed; and 'tis believed, that the Knights of the Religion who lately resorted hither from all Parts of Europe, to the Defence of this Island, will shortly reembark in order to return to their respective Countries.

*Hanover, August 13.* Mr. Wich, his Majesty's Minister at Hamburg, is to set out To-morrow to return thither. All our Advices from the North continue to affirm, That the Czar's Forces are not embarked, and that his Gallies remain still at Cronstot.

*Coventry, August 10.* Yesterday ended our Assizes for this City, when near 30 of the Persons under Prosecution for the Riots at the Elections, pleaded Guilty, and were fined and committed; and one Person was convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury, in an Affidavit made in the King's Bench, against Sit Adolphus Oughton, one of the present Members for this City.

*London, August 13.* The Bodies of the late Duke of Ancaster and the Earl of Radnor, are to be interred this Week; the Former at Grimsthorpe in Lincolnshire; and the Latter, at Lanhedrick in Cornwall.

The same Day the Duke of Wharton arrived in Town from his Brother in Law Mr. Holt's Seat in Suffolk.

The Parliament met this Day at Westminster, and were further Prorogued to the 24th of next Month, pursuant to Orders from the Lords Justices.

*WTE's, Letter verbatim, London August 13.*

**T**HEY write from Antwerp, That on the 11th Instant the Books of the new East India Company were opened, and the next Day by 5 in the Afternoon, its entire Fund of 6 Millions of Florins was completed, and the Books clos'd.

'Tis

'Tis said the Subscribers were only those of the Emperor's Subjects: The Marquis de Prie subscribed to the Value of 150 000 Florins; Count Windisgratz, 100 000 Florins; the Duke of Aremberg, 80000; several other Persons of Distinction, in proportion; and some of the Directors of the Company subscribed each 500 00 Florins.

'Tis lookt upon as an odd Requitall to the English and Dutch, that the Emperor should, of all other Places, chuse the Town of Ostend to set up a Trade to rival them. But, no doubt, these Powers will do themselves that Piece of Justice, as to lay all the Obstacles they can in the Way of this new Company.

The K. of Great Britain has sent Orders to his Ministers at the Imperial Court, to represent directly to the Emperor and his Council, That his Majesty, as Elector of Brunswick Lunenburgh, is much concerned at the ill Impressions which the Imperial Ministers endeavour to give the Emperor of his Britannic Majesty's Ministers Conduct; the rather, because the wrong Interpretation they give of the Negotiations, and even of the Words of the said Ministers, can tend only to create Variances between the two Courts: That his Britannic Majesty's Ministers have acted only in Pursuance of his Orders, which the Ministers of the Emperor cannot be ignorant of: That true it is, they have made very lively Instances to the Imperial Ministers, to have an End put to the Grievances of Religion; but that they were forc'd so to do, seeing that this Affair is delay'd, in all Appearance, to promote private Interest only: That the Grievances increase, in stead of being redress'd: That 'tis notorious to all the World, that his Britannic Majesty has always contributed, on all Occasions, to the Welfare of the Holy Roman Empire.

The Refusing to deliver up Mr. Knight, late Cashier of the South Sea Company, is another Instance, still fresh in our Memory.

On Friday-morning last, the Rape Mills near Tottenham, formerly belonging to the aforesaid Mr. Knight, and on which 1500 L. was insured, took fire, and in a very few Hours were entirely destroyed, together with a great Quantity of the Oyl.

Last Friday-night the Duke of Wharton arrived in Town from his Brother in Law Mr. Holt's Seat, in Suffolk.

In the *True Briton* of Yesterday is inserted a Letter, wherein the Author, amongst other Things, says, That in the Beginning of King George's Reign, he curs'd the late Lord Bolingbroke and the Lord H——rt, for being *Peace-makers*, but was now perfectly fond of them, for being *Plot-demolishers*.

The Earl of Cadogan has suspended Capt. Murphey, Keeper of the Savoye and Provost Marshal General, from his Office, on account of the Escape of 4 Deserters from that Prison; and a special Court Martial is appointed to be held in Hyde Park for the Trial of the said Capt. Murphey.

There's Advice, That the Captain of the Cassandra Pyrate-ship, formerly one of the East India Company's Ships, has been on board one of our Fregats cruising in the West Indies, after having some Hostages for his safe Return on board his own Ship; and acquainted the Captain of the said Fregat, that he had on board, in Gold and Silver, half a Million Sterling, and 140 Seamen, and offered to surrender the Whole, and submit to the Government, in case of a Pardon; adding, That if this was not granted, he would offer to put himself under the Protection of the Spaniards.

This is the same Pyrate-ship that took the Viceroy of Goa and a Ship of 60 Guns, wherein he was coming home to Portugal, which had so much Treasure on board, that the very common Sailors in the Pyrate-ship, divided each Twelve hundred Pound.

Two new Commissions of the Peace for the County of Middlesex and the City and Liberties of Westminster, are pass'd the Seals.

The Lords Justices are resolv'd to have the Army kept up to its full Complement.

Last Sunday 7 or 8 Passengers and others, were brought up by 2 of the King's Messengers from on board a Vessel at Gravesend, bound for France.

On the 9th the Assizes ended at Coventry, when 27 Persons were try'd and committed for the Riots at the late Elections.

Four of the Blacks are condemn'd at the Assizes at Oxford.



*From the St. James's Evening Post, August 15.*

*London, August 15.* All our Advices from Abroad, public and private, complain of the incredible Mischief done in many Places by Hurricanes and violent Storms.

On Tuesday next the Reduc'd Officers will begin to receive the Six Months Half-pay due at Midsummer, at the Pay-office near Whitehall.

On Monday last 650 Ounces of Foreign Gold were entred at the Custom-house for Holland; and on Tuesday, 400 of Gold, and 800 of Silver, for Rotterdam; 1970 more of Gold, and 8000 of Silver, for Holland; and 173 Ounces of Plate, for Jersey.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London August 15.*

**T**HEY write from Rome, That on the 17th past, the Pretender and his Spouse went to visit Cardinal Alberoni, at his Seat without the Gate Pio, where they were magnificently treated at Dinner by that Prelate, and returning in the Evening, the Pretender entertained Cardinal Gualtieri and Abbot Tassin Minister of France, and at this Feast was made Use for the first Time the fine Silver Gilt Service of Plate, which the Pretender lately received from Paris, together with the Silver Prayer Desk, which belonged to the late Queen Dowager of England.

There's no News of the Czar's having made a Descent any where. Meantime it's pretended, That the Russian Monarch must have a Design in View.

Letters from Stockholm of the 7th Instant say, they were still under some Apprehensions there of the Motions of the Russian Fleet. And from Holstein it's confirmed, That the Danish Troops in all the Towns and Fortresses in that Dutchy, hold themselves in continual Readiness, and that some were already broke up from Toninghen, Fredericstadt, &c. to secure the Danish Islands and Frontiers.

'Tis added from Paris of the 21st Instant, That the D. of Orleans has appointed under him in the Business of the Prime Ministership M. du Pare, the late Cardinal du Bois his Secretary. On the Day before the Date another Edict was published for reducing the Lewis d'ors, which had occasioned the Actions to fall from 930, to 860 Livres.

We are told from Brussels, That the Actions of their New East India Company are already got up to 10 or 12 per Cent. above Par, and 'tis not doubted, but they will rise yet higher. They add, that the French are cutting a Canal between Dunkirk and Ma dyke.

Yesterday was published a New Paper entituled, *The Briton*, wherein the Author promises to keep Face with the Writer of *The True Briton*, from Week to Week; and root up his Hemlock and Henbane as fast as they sprout. In some of his learned Observations, he expresses himself thus, viz.

' The Time may soon come, when the Person who masquerads it under the Title of *True-Briton* may stand in great Need of Intrepidity and Firmness; and when no one, excepting himself, will be surprized to see it fail him at a Pinch. This I speak upon the general Presumption of his Character; and I dare engage so small a Heroe as Don Jerrie's Footman, may any Day frighten him out of his Intrepidity, and cause the Firmness to tremble.

' If I am not misinformed, we have an Instance in our Chronicles, of a Peer being degraded from the Dignity of Peerage, for squandering away his Patrimony.

'Tis very probable this Gentleman will have an Answer, particularly to the last Part of his Paper, which says he had Advice from Newgate, that a certain patrician Gazeteer sup'd some Time last week there, with the famous Sally Salisbury, Bingley and Skeen; and that the Seeds of a future Briton were then and there sown.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Abuses of the Charities given St. Botolph Bishops-gate met again yesterday; and the Parishoners thought fit then to deliver their Books, except 3, which 'tis pretended are not to be found.

A private Letter from Paris gives an Account, that on the 19th Instant, Sir John Groyne and Lord Walpole, as they were diverting themselves with Fowling-Pieces in the Fields near that City; a Countryman shooting at the same Time at Random at a Bird, unhappily struck Sir John in the Face, by which he has lost both his Eyes. They write from Dublin, that the Manufactorship of Irish Linen, are brought to greater Perfection this Year than ever was known before, so that the Nobility and Gentry of that Kingdom, chuse rather to make Use thereof, than buy them from Holland.

Yesterday Roche, the barbarous Pyrate was hang'd at Execution Dock. This Day they began to remove the Goods of the Earl of Rochester, from his House at the Gate Way near the Cockpit. The Gate (which was built in the Reign of Edward the 3d, being to be pull'd down forthwith, to enlarge the Passage to and from the Parliament House,

The Corpse of the late Bishop of Ely was interr'd last Saturday in that Cathedral; at which the Bishop of Rochester was present; and the Reverend Dr. Moss read the Funeral Service.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

**T**HERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight. The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-Clerk, fortyeight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them. No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

E D I N B U R G H :

Printed for Mr. WILLIAM ROLLAND, by WILLIAM ADAMS, at his Printing House over against the General Post-office, near the Tron Church, where several curious Pamphlets are to be sold.